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SUBJECT: SOVIET CIVIL AVIATION DELEGATION FOR NEGOTIATION

OF BILATERAL AIRWORTHINESS AGREEMENT

REF: MOSCOW 526 AND 584

1. SOVIET EMB INFORMED DEPT NOV 6 USSR PREPARED SEND
SUBJECT DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON IN LATTER PART OF JANUARY
AND ON NOV 14 TRANSMITTED RUSSIAN TEXT OF SOVIET AIR-
WORTHINESS REGULATIONS. DEPT INFORMED SOVIET EMB BY NOTE
DATED NOV 25 THAT

" THE USG IS PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATION OF AN
AIRWORTHINESS AGREEMENT ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT DEFINITE
SOVIET COMMITMENTS FOR SUBSTANTIAL PURCHASES OF AMERICAN
WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT WILL BE MADE PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION
OF THE AGREEMENT. CONCLUSION OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT WILL ALSO
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BE DEPENDENT UPON SATISFACTORY TECHNICAL FINDINGS AS TO THE

SOVIET AIRWORTHINESS CODE, ITS ADMINISTRATION AND ITS APPLICATION TO THE PARTICULAR AIRCRAFT INVOLVED. IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE USG THAT THE AGREEMENT TO BE NEGOTIATED WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE CERTIFICATION OF THE AIRCRAFT TYPE YAK-40 OR DERIVATIVE THEREOF.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE TRANSLATION OF THE SOVIET AIRWORTHINESS REGULATIONS TRANSMITTED UNDER COVER OF THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 132, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO DETERMINE THE DATE THE US WILL BE ABLE TO MEET IN WASHINGTON WITH THE SOVIET DELEGATION."

2. FYI FAA EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF SOVIET REGULATIONS. DEPT HAS REQUESTED AIR FORCE TRANSLATION WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO REQUIRE 30 TO 45 DAYS. FAA WOULD THEN REQUIRE 60 DAYS TO EXAMINE REGULATIONS SO THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS IN WASHINGTON CANNOT BE ANTICIPATED BEFORE MAY. END FYI

3. PLEASE INFORM MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION THAT AS SOON AS TRANSLATION OF SOVIET AIRWORTHINESS REGULATIONS AND FAA SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW OF REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, EMB WILL CONTACT MCA TO PROPOSE DEFINITE DATE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS. KISSINGER

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